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5. [] In the company of [] met with Herb Roback, Staff Director, House Government Operations, concerning the problems raised by H. R. 5425 (Amendments to Freedom of Information Act). Roback was completely sympathetic with our position; called in Counsel-Administrator, Miles Romney, for a status report on the bill; and asked Romney to write a memorandum for Chairman Holifield, covering a number of areas of concern, including those we had raised. Roback assured us that he would handle this with utmost discretion and the points we had raised could be covered generally without specifically fingering CIA. I told Roback we appreciated his understanding, since we were interested in staffing out the problem and we would not want our visit to be misconstrued as an official representation by the Agency. Roback felt he could keep the situation well in hand and said he would contact us if any problems arose. He also said it would be premature for Slatinshek to delve into the matter too deeply at this time, but appreciated that we had to keep Slatinshek informed.

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6. [] Called Ed Bauser, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, regarding his letter of 15 August referring to Joe Alsop's column on Soviet and US MIRV systems. I told Bauser I thought events (the Secretary of Defense's press conference) had overtaken his letter regarding possible leaks in the Alsop article, but offered to have Dave Brandwein come up and brief him on the Soviet program. Bauser said the Secretary's press conference did not explain how Alsop had prior access to this information, which had not been brought to the Joint Committee's attention. I pointed out that in the Director's testimony on 13 June 1972 he had mentioned that we were expecting the Soviets to develop a MIRV capability and this really wasn't a surprise. In any event, it was agreed that Brandwein and I would brief Bauser and Seymour Shwiler, of the staff, at 10:30 tomorrow morning.

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